

## HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON HIV, DRUG POLICY AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA

**14:00 – 16:30, SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2013  
STRAND TOWER HOTEL**

### AGENDA

14:00	Registration and refreshments
14:30	<b>Anso Thom, SECTION27</b> Welcome and introduction from the Chair
14:40	<b>Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS Executive Director</b> Key Note Speech
15:00	<b>Reychad Abdool, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</b> The status of the epidemic among people who inject drugs in Africa
15:15	Short interventions from each of the panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Faustine Ndugulile</b> – Tanzanian Member of Parliament</li> <li>• <b>Dr Idrissa Ba</b> – West Africa Commission on Drugs</li> <li>• <b>Loide Lungameni</b> – UNODC Regional Representative</li> <li>• <b>Olivier Maguet</b> – Médecines du Monde (MdM)</li> <li>• <b>Ann Fordham</b> – International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)</li> <li>• <b>Very Kunambi</b> – Tanzanian Network of People who Use Drugs (TaNPUD)</li> </ul>
16:00	Facilitated Q&A session
16:30	Session closes <i>(Participants make their way to the ICASA Opening Session)</i>

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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**1. Anso Thom** has been a journalist since 1990, working at all the major newspapers in South Africa. She started working as a health journalist in 1998, first at The Star newspapers and later at Health-e News Service where she was the Print Editor. In July of this year, she joined SECTION27 where she is responsible for special writing and media projects. One of her main jobs is a quarterly publication - the NSP Review - which monitors the implementation of South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV and TB.



**2. Michel Sidibé** is the Executive Director of UNAIDS. He initiated the global call to eliminate HIV infections among children and his global advocacy has firmly secured HIV at the top of political agendas. Mr Sidibé has spent more than 30 years in public service – starting in his native Mali, where he worked to improve the health and welfare of the nomadic Tuareg people. He later became Country Director for Terre des Hommes. In 1987, Mr Sidibé joined UNICEF in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and went on to serve with UNICEF for a further 14 years. Mr Sidibé holds Post-Master's Diplomas in Social Planning and Demography, and in Development and Political Economy, and also has a Masters degree in Economics.



**3. Rey Chad Abdool** is the Senior HIV and AIDS Adviser for the UNODC Regional office for Eastern Africa. A medical doctor and public health specialist by training, Rey Chad has worked for 23 years in the field of drug use prevention and treatment, and for the last 15 years in the area of HIV prevention. He has worked extensively in Africa and Middle East, and has a wide experience in the provision of technical assistance to countries, both to governments and NGOs. Rey Chad has worked with the International Council on Alcohol and Addiction, UNICEF, WHO and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). He joined UNODC in 2001.



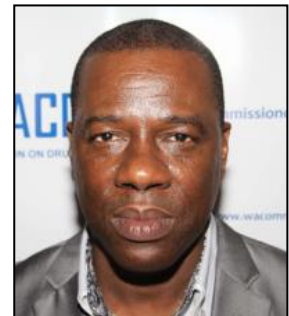
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**4. Dr Faustine Ndugulile** is a Member of the Tanzanian Parliament, the Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Social Services Committee, and a member of the AIDS and Substance Abuse Committee. He is also the Secretary of the Tanzania Parliamentarians AIDS Coalition (TAPAC). He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania in 1997, a Master of Medicine in Microbiology and Immunology in 2001 from the same university, and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Western Cape, South Africa in 2010. Dr Ndugulile has been actively involved in the HIV/AIDS field since 1993.



**5. Dr Idrissa Ba** serves as the Assistant Clinical Manager, Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dental Association at Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar and Chief of Thiaroye National Child Psychiatric Hospital. As a psychiatrist, Dr Ba specialises in addiction. He is a member of the Senegalese Association of the Reduction of Infective Risks for Drug Users and Focal Point for Injectable Drugs Users at the Senegalese National Council for the Fight against HIV / AIDS (CNLS). He was the principal coordinator on a survey of the size and prevalence of HIV and hepatitis and the risk practices among injecting drug users in Dakar.



**6. Loide Lungameni** is the Regional Representative for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Since joining the United Nations in 1995, she has served in various capacities in Vienna and Southern Africa. Loide has also worked in Namibia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director, Legal Affairs and Treaties. She also participated in the Namibian liberation struggle as a member of South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), and was a member of the SWAPO Task Force which drafted the draft constitution for Namibia. Loide has an LL.B (Honours) from the University of Warwick (UK) and an LL.M (Public International Law) from the University of London.



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**7. Olivier Maguet** is the Senior Advisor at Médecins du Monde (MdM), overseeing operational and advocacy programs related to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, harm reduction and drug policy – including the pilot safe injection room in Paris. Olivier has a university background in economics and sociology, and has been campaigning in the field of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and harm reduction since the late 1980s. In 2006 he joined MdM, drawing up and implementing the Afghanistan harm reduction programme for which he remained the volunteer head of mission until January 2013. In 2010 he was elected to the MdM Board of Directors.



Olivier also founded the “CCMO Conseil” consulting company in October 2004, which specializes in analysis, project support, evaluation advocacy and research in the field of health and social programs targeting people using drugs on one hand, and public funding for development in the health sector on the other hand.

**8. Ann Fordham** joined the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) in 2008, and was appointed as Executive Director in 2011. She has overseen the growth of the network from 32 to more than 100 members, and leads on international advocacy efforts. Ann has an MA in Human Rights from Sussex University, where she specialised in human rights and harm reduction. Her previous role was at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance where she was engaged in policy work around prevention, treatment and care for people who use drugs.



**9. Very Kunambi** is one of the founders and currently the vice-chair of the Tanzanian Network of People who Use Drugs (TaNPUD) that was created in January 2013. Born in 1965, Very finished his secondary school and spent four years working in the engine room of a ship that travelled the Gulf. Back in Tanzania he started importing heroin from Pakistan, smuggling the substance in his stomach for three days while travelling from Karachi through Abu Dhabi, Nairobi and Mombasa to Dar es Salaam. After having injected heroin for thirteen years, Very was one of the first to enrol in the newly established methadone program at Muhimbili National Hospital in 2011. Two years later he completed and left the program. Now Very is working as a community outreach worker for the NGO Youth Volunteers Against Risk Behaviour (YoVARiBe), educating and supporting other people who inject drugs and who are enrolled in one of the two methadone programs in Dar es Salaam.

